

Miscellaneous Agencies

§ 456.4

- (g) Planning Services Division;
- (h) Carto/Graphics Division; and,
- (i) Public Affairs Division.

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§ 456.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) *Direct costs.* This term means those expenditures which the Commission actually incurs in searching for, duplicating and reviewing records.

(b) *Search.* This term includes all time spent looking for material that is responsive to a request, including page-by-page or line-by-line identification of material within documents.

(c) *Duplication.* This term refers to the process of making a copy of a document necessary to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request.

(d) *Review.* This term refers to the process of examining documents located in response to a request that is for commercial use to determine whether any portion of any document located is permitted to be withheld, and includes processing any documents for disclosure.

(e) *Commercial use request.* This term refers to a request from or on behalf of one who seeks information for a use or purpose that furthers the commercial, trade or profit interests of the requester or the person on whose behalf the request is made.

(f) *Educational institution.* This term refers to a preschool, a public or private elementary or secondary school, an institution of graduate higher education, an institution of undergraduate higher education, an institution of professional education, and an institution of vocational education, which operates a program or programs of scholarly research.

(g) *Non-commercial scientific institution.* This term refers to a non-profit institution which is operated solely for the purpose of conducting scientific research the results of which are not intended to promote any particular product or industry.

(h) *Representative of the news media.* This term refers to any person actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public. The term

“news” means information that is about current events or that would be of current interest to the public. Examples of news media entities include television or radio stations broadcasting to the public at large, and publishers of periodicals (but only in those instances when they can qualify as disseminators of “news”) who make their products available for purchase or subscription by the general public. In the case of “freelance” journalists, they may be regarded as working for a news organization if they can demonstrate a solid basis for expecting publication through that organization, even though not actually employed by it. A request for records supporting the news dissemination function of the requester shall not be considered to be a request that is for a commercial use.

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§ 456.4 Public access to information.

(a) *General policy.* It is the Commission's general policy to facilitate the broadest possible availability and dissemination of information to the public. The Commission's staff is available to assist the public in obtaining information formally by using the procedures herein or informally by discussions with the staff. The Commission's staff may, therefore, continue to furnish informally to the public information, which, prior to the amendments to the Act contained in Public Law 93-502, enacted November 21, 1974, was customarily furnished in the regular performance of their duties, provided the staff do so in a manner not inconsistent with these regulations. In addition, to the extent permitted by other laws, the Commission will make available records which it is authorized to withhold under the Act when it determines that such disclosure is in the public interest.

(b) *Established place of obtaining information.* Information may be obtained only from the Commission's offices, which are located at 1325 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20576. Its official hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

(c) *Information sources within the Commission.* Requests for Commission publications, offered for sale or informal